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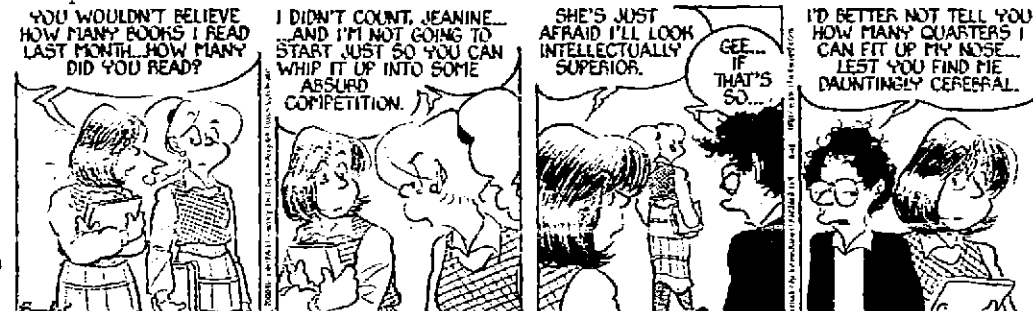
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



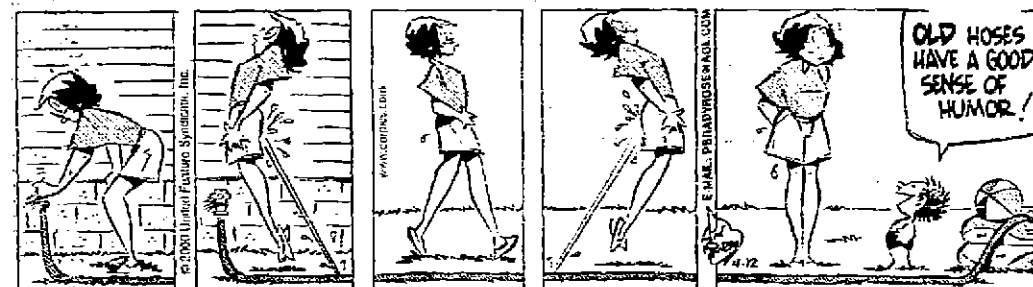
9 CHICKWEED LANE



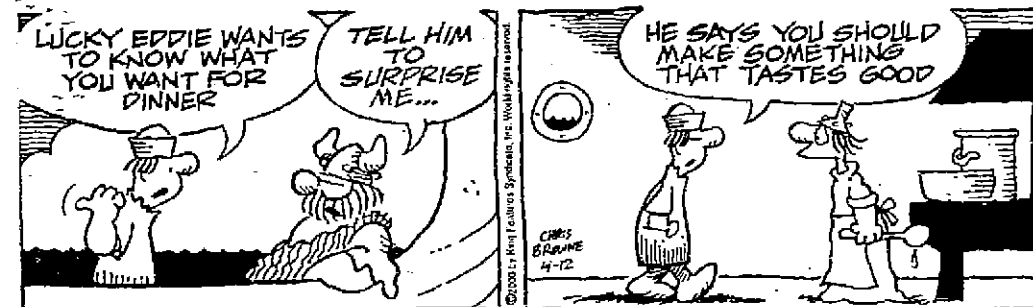
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



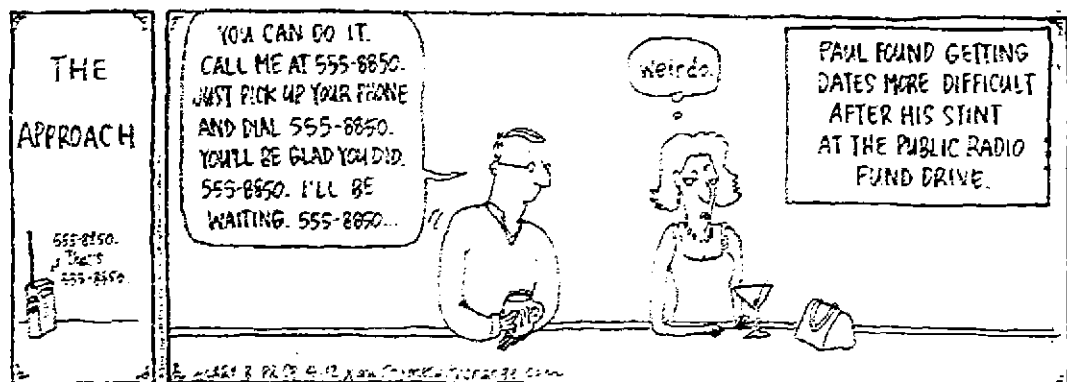
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Band leader Lionel Hampton is 92.
Actress-dancer Ann Miller is 77.
Country singer Ned Miller is 75.
Actress Jane Withers is 74.
Opera singer Montserrat Caballé is 67.
Actor Charles Napier is 64.
Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 60.
Actor Frank Bank ("Leave It to Beaver") is 58.
Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 56.
Actor Ed O'Neill is 54.
Actor Dan Lauria is 53.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE is a trademarked word game created by James M. Wright, Jr. in 1948. It is a word game played on a 15x15 grid. The goal is to form words using the letters on the board. The game is played by two players. The player with the highest score wins.

PAR SCORE 95-105
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Higher words get 50 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. A Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OED. Official Scrabble Words (Cramers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 4/12/00

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, April 13

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Beware of overdoing it today, especially where food or drink is concerned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Maintaining harmony at home is more important right now than any other area of your life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful if you encounter moody family members or friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The spotlight is on you as the moon leaves your house today.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't let your fierce pride get in the way of admitting you were wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You gather strength and energy from the people around you today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Today it's better to react than to act on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You don't always have to be in control of everything.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't be afraid to question authority figures today if you think they are wrong.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) All of your attention seems to be focused on one person today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is a good time to start a diet or a new exercise routine.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your beauty and inner talents are appreciated by the people closest to you today.

WORD SLEUTH

BIRD—

C N K H E B Y W T R O L J G E
B Y W U R P N S B K W I G D B
Z X E E S I D A R A P F O V S
Q O M G K I T N T E G E C A R
Y W U A A H O C A S I Q P N E
L J H C F S H T E H Y C C B D
A Y X V U E S U O H E S N R E
Q P N M R L L A C K R H J A E
H F E C B D Z R P Y P X T I F
V U T R Q O P Y O F F M L N K
I H G E S G N I P P O R D D I

Tuesday's unlisted clue: BUGGY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: A Structure To Confine Birds

Bath	Droppings	In the hand	Sanctuary
Brain	Fancier	Of paradise	Shot
Call	Feeder	Of passage	Walcher
Dog	House	Of prey	

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0301

ACROSS

1 It's just one of those things

5 "Aw, shucks" expressions

10 More

14 Jealous wife in Greek myth

15 Slackened

16 A portion

17 "The moan of doves in immemorial..."—Tennyson

18 Campbell of "Martin"

19 Winter Palace ruler

20 Ready to swoon

23 "Go on..."

24 Clan emblem

25 Straight start?

27 Orbital periods

29 Actor McKellen

31 Birth control device

32 C.P.R. administrator

34 It ends in Mecca

35 Brit. legislators

36 Good-looking

40 Insulation ingredient, for short

41 Cooperstown nickname

42 Wool source

43 Bolo, for one

44 Michael Jordan's alma mater, in brief

45 Have it

49 Place for rings

51 Gives the gate

53 Genetic letters

56 Seedy-looking

59 ___ tide

60 Baptism and bris

61 L.A. gang member

62 Need a bath badly

63 Awaited a dubbing

64 Surrealist Magritte

65 Charger, to a Cockney

66 Lowly ones

67 Took habitually

DOWN

1 Tao, literally

2 Curis of hair care

3 Loser of 1588

4 What to do?

5 "I ___ kick..."

6 Grammy winner Bonnie

7 Joe Jackson's Really Going Out With Him?

8 Book after Ezra

9 Minn. neighbor

10 Fruity-smelling compound

11 Experience a delay

12 They attract rubbernecks

13 Musket attachment

21 "C'mon, I wanna try!"

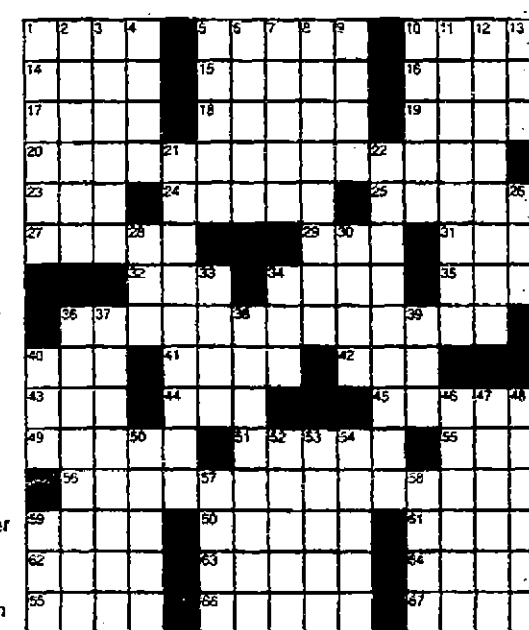
22 Gentile

26 Some E.R. cases

28 ___ judicata

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ANWAR SCRAM ARC
NOOSE HOYLE WAR
TUESDAYWELD ADO
INSTALLS TIARAS
LAY WHALERS
AWAKEN IRENE
CAGER AVER DAS
TWENTYNINEPALMS
SAD UTES ELIOT
ACMES BATIKS
WOSLEMS SEC
ALKALI SWEETEST
VIE LEAPOFFAITH
EVE OSCAR ULNAE
NET STERN LEERY



Puzzle by M. Francis Voiko

30 "Song of the South" song syllables

33 Unable to decide

34 Shaker ___ O.

36 Satanic sort

37 Colorless solvents

38 Addictive stuff

39 Japanese capital

40 School grp.

46 Strasburg siblings

47 Like lots of shopping now

48 Sang like Satchmo

50 Not out

52 Complete

53 Cliff projection

54 They may come in batteries

57 Toran holders

58 L'eggs shade

59 Term of address in the 'hood

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5556 (95c per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.